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OCKHI LEAVES DEATH TRAIL OF 19

ORIGIN:
In the
Gulf of
Thailand

PLACES AFFECTED:
Sri Lanka, Maldives,
South India, and the
Lakshadweep.

A boy in Chellanam near Kochi watches as sea breaches the sea wall due to cyclone Ockhi, in Kerala. — SUNOJ NINAN MATHEW

INDIA'S TRYST WITH CYCLONIC STORMS

2016

In December,
Vardha, a very
severe cyclonic
storm, struck the
Andaman and
Nicobar Islands and
parts of South India,
causing 38 fatalities.

2014

A category 5
extremely
severe cyclonic
storm Hudhud
hit Andhra
Pradesh with a
death toll of
124.

1999

Odisha faced a 'super
cyclonic storm', also
known as category 5
cyclone, leading to an
official death toll of 9,887
people (15,000, unoffi-
cially) and damages
worth \$4.44 billion.

1970

Bhola Cyclone was a de-
vastating tropical cyclone that
struck West Bengal and
Bangladesh on November
12. It remains the deadliest
tropical cyclone ever
recorded. Up to 5,00,000
people lost their lives.

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Island formation in Ganga hits navigation

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BHAGALPUR: With the Ganga drifting northwards and the emergence of a huge sand bar right in the middle of the stream, river navigation has been affected as also the water supply to the Silk City from its Barai Water Works.

Officials here say that immediate dredging operations are needed over 1,700m to provide water depth for bigger ships to sail under the Vikramshila Bridge but operations have been slow.

The Bhagalpur stretch of the Ganga is a vital cor in the stretch declared National Waterway no. 1. Massive work, worth ₹5,000 crore and with the assistance of the World Bank, is already underway and initial reports from the IWA (Inland Waterways



reduced water in ship pathways on the southern side.

In order to ensure sufficient flow of water in the channel, the IWA now aims to dig a pilot channel by undertaking dredging work.

Prashant Kumar, deputy director, IWA sub-office at Sahebganj in Jharkhand, said though it is now nearly a month since work was initiated, only about 700m could be cleared.

Kumar said that due to insufficient horizontal and vertical clearance below the northern arches of the bridge, linking north to south Bihar, and the increasing water level, it often risky for bigger tourist and cargo vessels to navigate through the northern arches.

The shift of the river has also cut water supply to the localities of the city. The Barai Water Works, making it necessary that the dredge bring back the water channel closer to town through a pilot channel for water harvesting purposes.

Dredging under way in the river

project being just 60km east of Bhagalpur under a plan unveiled by Nitin Gadkari, union minister for transport.

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA), under the shipping ministry, is also finalising its operational mechanism for the 1,620 km stretch of the river.

The work includes development of three multi-modal hubs at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Haldia in West Bengal, and

Sahebganj in Jharkhand, the last

sand bars have formed and are proving to be impediments in navigation. A large island has formed in the river, following sharp reduction in water and the shallow areas present cumulates in the way of dredging.

The Ganga's main stream earlier flowing close to the south bank along Bhagalpur, located 340 km east of Patna, has now shifted course in a northward loop to flow along Naugachhia near Khagaria district. This has

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Ruckus in Odisha Assembly over Mahanadi, farmers' issues

Centre supporting the BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh which is constructing projects upstream of the Mahanadi river "illegally": BJD

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The Odisha Assembly on Monday witnessed repeated adjournments after question hour as members of the ruling BJD and the Opposition Congress and the BJP created pandemonium over the Mahanadi and farmers' issues.

Speaker Pradip Kumar Amat, however, managed to pass the supplementary budget of 39 departments through guillotine amid the din prevailing in the House.

After question hour, the BJP members raised the

farmers' issue and stormed into the well of the House demanding loan waiver. They shouted slogans against the BJD government and termed it "anti-farmer".

Pest attack

The farmers of the State are badly affected as the kharif crop has been hit by drought, pest attack and unseasonal rain.

The BJD members, on the other hand, raised the Mahanadi issue and accused the Centre of being partisan.

They alleged that the

Centre was supporting the BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh which was constructing projects upstream of the Mahanadi river "illegally".

Odisha has been opposing construction of a number of barrages and dams by Chhattisgarh on the upper reaches of the Mahanadi river, saying it would affect the State's farmers.

The Centre had told the Supreme Court on December 6 that the ongoing dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh over the Mahanadi should be sorted out

through negotiations between the parties concerned.

Sanjay Dasburma of the BJD claimed that the Chhattisgarh government has planned river interlinking to draw more water from the Mahanadi and, in that case, Odisha would soon go dry.

Amid the heated exchange of words between members of the two parties, the Speaker adjourned the House till 3 p.m.

When the House reassembled, Leader of the Opposition Narasingha Mishra of the Congress sought a ruling

from the Speaker on the alleged exploitation of paddy farmers at government mandis.

Explanation sought

Mr. Mishra said the Agriculture Minister should clarify in the House as to why the government mandis deduct about 5 kg on each 100 kg of paddy being sold by farmers.

As the Speaker proceeded with other business, the Congress MLAs rushed to the well and raised anti-government slogans alleging distress sale of paddy by

farmers.

While the BJP members also joined the Congress MLAs, the treasury bench members again raised the Mahanadi issue creating a ruckus and the Speaker adjourned the House till 4.28 p.m.

When the House reassembled, a similar scene was recreated by the Opposition members.

However, the Speaker managed to pass the additional expenditure statement of 39 departments through guillotine and adjourned the House till tomorrow.

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White wash



Winter is here: Fresh snowfall blankets the ski resort of Gulmarg in Kashmir of Monday. ■ NISSAR AHMAD

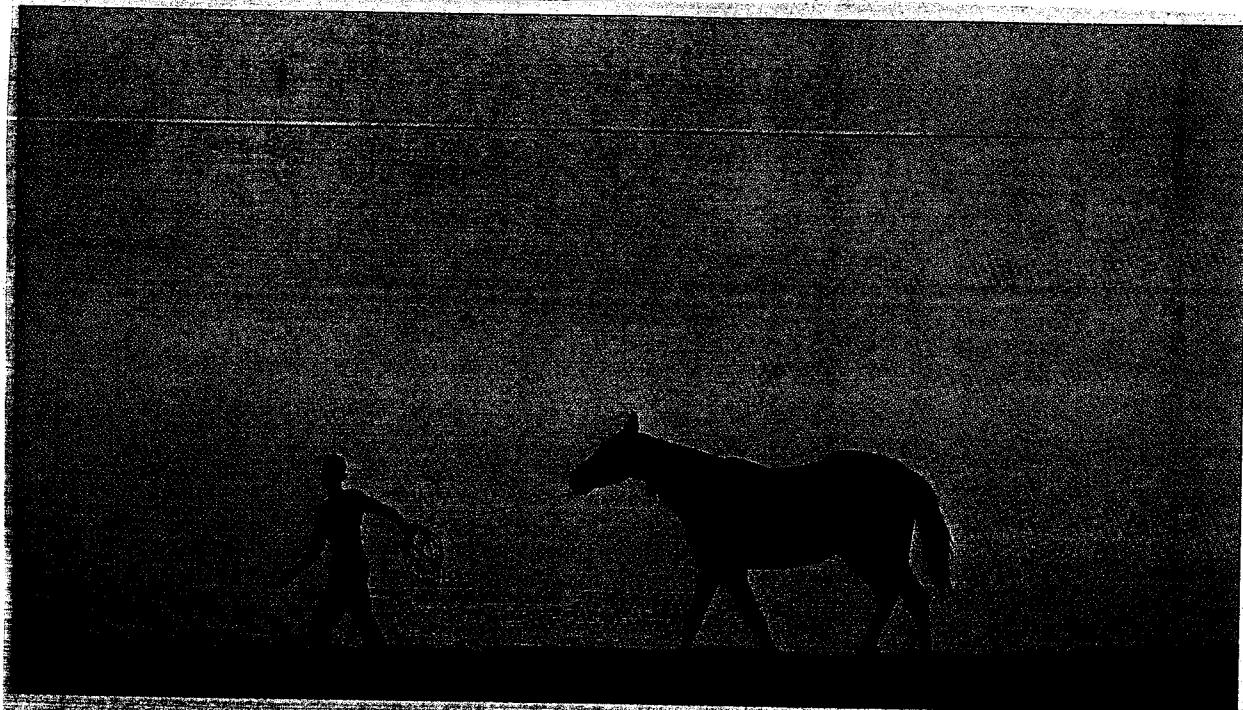
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A man walks with a horse through the fields amid overcast sky in Jalandhar. Several parts of the state received moderate rainfall on Monday. AFP

Rain cheers wheat growers

Experts say dip in mercury after a spell of shower will boost yield

PERNEET SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, DECEMBER 11

With rain lashing different parts of the region, farmers who have sown wheat in time are a happy lot. The rain coupled with a dip in mercury is beneficial for the crop. But a heavy spell may be damaging for those who have recently sown their crop.

Talking to *The Tribune*, Gurditta Singh Sidhu, Chief Agriculture Officer, Bathinda, said the rainfall would facilitate light irrigation of the crop, which would benefit

it immensely. It would lead to better growth of the crop and result in a good yield. He said a further decline in the temperature over the next one month would be great for the wheat crop.

The officer said the crop sown around a fortnight back would witness proper tillering in the aftermath of the rain. He however cautioned that heavy rains might take a toll on the germination process, particularly if someone had sown the crop three to four days ago.

Darshan Singh, a farmer from Gehri Bhagi village, said

he was apprehensive of the losses, as he got late in sowing the crop. "It has been hardly a week since I had sown wheat crop in my field. Now, I am just keeping my fingers crossed that the rainfall doesn't affect its growth," he added.

Mithu Singh, another farmer lamented that he was yet to sow the crop and now with the rainfall, sowing would be further delayed. He said a section of farmers in their village who could not harvest their cotton crop due to labour issues and other such factors might also suf-

fer losses due to the rain.

Meanwhile, the daily arrival of cotton in the region's markets might see a dip. Former North India Cotton Association president Ashok Kapur said the markets were almost shut today due to the rain, adding that the prices might go up slightly.

He said it would be temporary and things would be normal once the weather cleared. He ruled out any losses to cotton crop, as the harvesting was almost over in the region and the farmers were now busy with their wheat

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Snow ends its Kashmiriency spell

Major highways blocked in region, down to 10 centimeters, says Met

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JINJAWAT, DECEMBER 11

A four-month-long dry spell came to an end today as snowfall and rain lashed the Jammu-Kashmir Valley. Though all major highways were blocked, the meteorological department hopes the joint effort of the forest department and the state government will bring some respite.

The Jammu-Srinagar highway, which had been closed for six months due to heavy snowfall, was cleared by the road and highway department and

is now open to traffic. The department said the snowfall would further continue for the next two days.

An official at the Traffic

ONE KILLED IN EAST LANDSLIDE

Normal life was on Monday after a series of successive cold spells. Weather forecasters said the region would remain dry and there would be no rain or snowfall. The temperature was 10 degrees Celsius. The victim was identified as Mohammad Yousuf, 25, who was returning from his residence in the village of Tawali, 10 km from Srinagar, to his home in the village of Tora, 10 km from Srinagar, while the other two vehicles were stuck in the snowdrifts. In many parts of the state, snowdrifts have reached a height of up to 10 cm, leaving the roads and highways impassable.

Control Room said all three roads leading to and from the valley had been blocked. Mughal Road, which connects Srinagar and Jammu, had been closed for all vehicular traffic since Saturday morning. The official said the Srinagar-Jammu highway would remain closed till April next year.

Mughal Road had been closed for all vehicular traffic due to snow and rain along the route. Weather forecasters said the snowfall would continue for the next two days.

Winter: The snowfall was received in Jammu and north Kashmir. Srinagar, in central Jammu and Kashmir, and several areas of south Kashmir along Mughal Road, Srinagar-Baramulla and Srinagar-Udhampur roads.

Normal life was disrupted in the region by incessant rain.

The state government has issued a ban and restricted movement in the wake of the weather advisory. It had issued advisories to residents to ensure speedy snow-clearance and de-watering of the roads. The Meteorological Department has issued a weather advisory for the state, saying that snow would occur in most places over the state tomorrow followed by a decline in intensity and spread of precipitation. The department, however, advised

the suspension of road connectivity has come at a time when many hilly areas of the region have passed the season's insipid. The department has also warned drivers to take care while driving in the region.

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First wet spell in December in B'ys set to clean city air

More Rain Expected Today, Chilly May Set In From Thursday

TIMES NEWS NETWORK
BY PANKAJ GUPTA

New Delhi: After a long gap, Delhi and parts of Haryana region saw moderate evening rain on Monday evening bringing a respite from a spell of scorching heat. The weather system, however, will not bring any significant rainfall to the city on Tuesday.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the capital has received 16.1 mm of rain since the start of December, which is double of the past three years (2014-16).

On Monday night, the city received 1.6 mm of rain, which is more than the average rainfall of December during the period of the past three years (2014-16).

35° to 40° Celsius

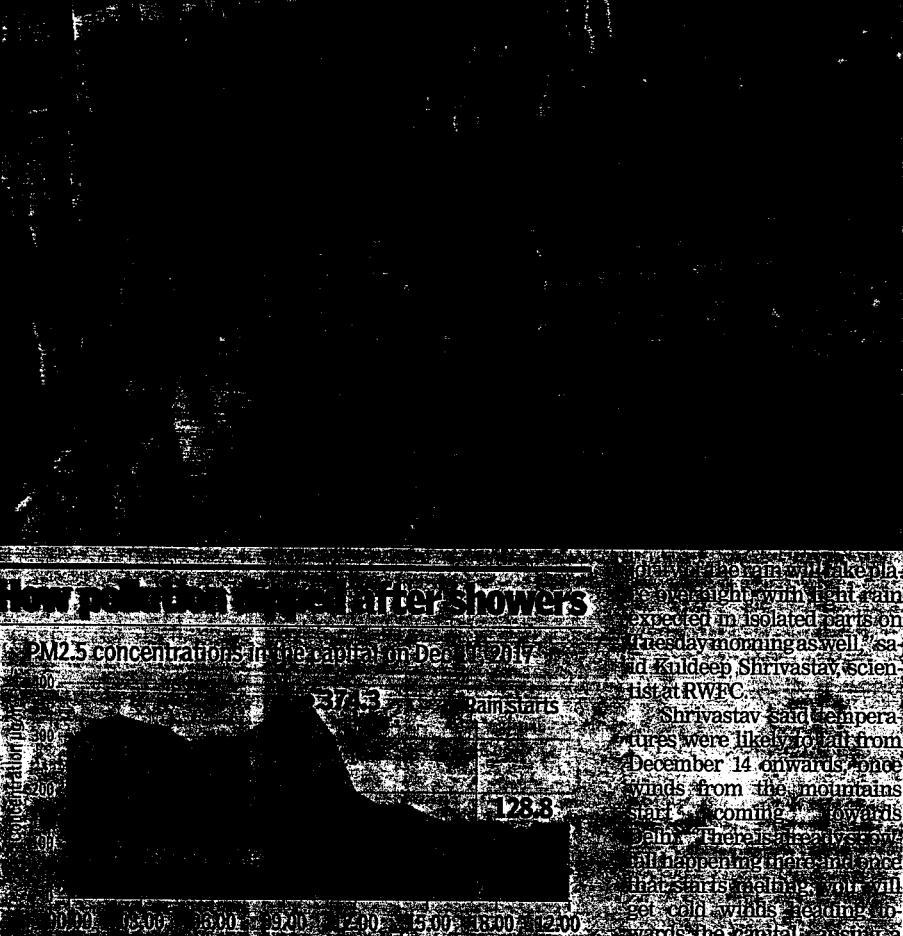
Delhi did not see any rainfall in December 2014, 2015 and 2016 while almost no trace of rain (0.1mm) was recorded last week (December 7).

Delhi's overall air quality index was 101 on Monday which calls in the very poor state of air quality. However, air quality is improving over the last few days due to levels of rain.

The Regional Weather Forecasting Centre forecasted the weather system shifted an active westerly disturbance over Aravallis and Roshni that has brought a spell of rain in hills and rain over large swathes of northern plains.

Due to the western disturbance, there was an induced cyclonic circulation over west Rajasthan. This moved eastwards on Monday and has brought rain to parts of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and parts of NCR. A ma-

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Evening spell of rain makes capital air more breathable



In Noida, Monday's light rain is expected on Tuesday as well, IMD officials said. Praveen Khanna

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

AFTER FOUR consecutive days of 'very poor' air quality, light rain and strong wind on Monday evening brought down temperature and pollution levels in the city.

Rain and vehicle breakdowns also led to traffic jams across the city, with the Delhi Traffic Police's Twitter handle receiving complaints from ISBT, Janpath,

Vasant Kunj and Akshardham. At India Gate, PM 2.5 concentration was 415 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at 2.30 pm. It dipped to 168 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at 8.30 pm. At Anand Vihar, particulate matter was recorded at 505 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at 11 am. This dipped to 176 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ by 8.30 pm. The prescribed standard for the pollutant is 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

Officials at the India Meteorological Department said light rain is expected on Tuesday as well. While the maximum temperature was recorded at

24.2 degrees Celsius, a degree above normal, the minimum was recorded at 8.2 degrees Celsius, a degree below normal.

IMD officials said an overcast sky on Tuesday is expected to push the minimum temperature to 10 degrees Celsius, while the maximum is expected to be 23 degrees Celsius.

According to the CPCB national air quality index, Delhi's air quality was 361 (very poor) at 4 pm. Rain started across the capital around 6 pm.

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भू-जल विजन-2030 विषय पर तीन दिवसीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन में मंथन

अंधा-धुंध भूजल दोहन से खेती पर खड़ा होगा संकट

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नई दिल्ली: भारत में घटते भूजल स्तर को रोकने के उपायों पर मंथन के लिए 'भू-जल विजन-2030' थीम पर उत्तरास्त्रीय सम्मेलन सोमवार को शुरू हुआ। इस अवसर पर केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री नीतिन गडकरी ने कहा कि भारत में इन दिनों जल एक अहम महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दा है। जल स्रोतों का सटीक संरक्षण और भंडारण किसानों की कृषि आय, औद्योगिक उत्पादन और रोजगार सृजन में बढ़ावा देने के लिए उत्तम उपायों में से एक है। उन्होंने कहा कि वैज्ञानिकों और शोधकर्ताओं को भूजल भरण, कृषि और उद्योगों में पुनः प्रयोग के लिए नई तकनीक की

भविष्य में खाद्य सुरक्षा के लिए बहीर खतरा सम्मेलन में जानकारी दी कहा कि आधा-धुंध भूजल दोहन से गंभीर खतरा, जल और बृक्षपाल सहित देश के अन्य प्रमुख हिस्सों में कृषि कार्य प्रभावित हो रहे हैं। विशेषज्ञों को कहा है कि अग्रह इतीहसन और जल का दोहन हाता हात तो भविष्य में खाद्य सुरक्षा के लिए बहीर खतरा मिला हो सकता है। वैज्ञानिकों का कहना है कि आधिक दोहन से कई इलाकों में भूजल की शुगवता प्रभावित होने लगी है और इसमें आशक्रिय रूप से प्रभावित करने वाले तत्त्व पाए जाने लगे हैं।

खोज करनी चाहिए। गडकरी ने कहा कि हर जिले और क्षेत्र का भूविज्ञान अलग है और इसके लिए क्षेत्रवार सूक्ष्म नियोजन की जरूरत है। उन्होंने कहा कि वैज्ञानिकों को जल भंडारण और संरक्षण के लिए आधिक और तकनीकी समाधान ढूँढ़ने चाहिए। केन्द्रीय जल

संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण राज्य मंत्री अर्जुन राम मेघवाल ने भूजल के उपयोग पर अधीक्षित कोइ उचित नियम न होने के प्रति अपनी चिंता व्यक्त की। उन्होंने कहा कि भूजल नियमन और प्रशासन काफी जटिल है और यह स्थानीय परिस्थितियों के अनुरूप

बनाने की आवश्यकता है। सम्मेलन को केन्द्रीय प्रेयजल-स्वच्छता मंत्री उमा भारती, केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण राज्य मंत्री अर्जुन राम मेघवाल और डॉ. सत्यपाल सिंह ने भी संबोधित किया।

सम्मेलन का आयोजन राष्ट्रीय हाइड्रोलॉजी संस्थान (एनआईएच), रुडको और केन्द्रीय भू-जल बोर्ड (सीजीडब्ल्यूबी) की ओर से जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मन्त्रालय मिलकर करवा रहे हैं। सम्मेलन में शोधकर्ता अपने 250 शोध पत्र प्रस्तुत करेंगे, जिनमें 32 मुख्य सिद्धांत पर आधारित पत्र होंगे।

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महानदी जल पर केन्द्र से रिपोर्ट तलब

जहाँ दिल्ली। वालों और हसानों की अतीरचंद्र जल भवन
महानदी के साथ बगेचा के फूल के लिए व्यापारिक गिरावं
पाठन जैसे विलेख संकारण इसका मौजूदा लिख विवाह
कदम स्थापित कर दिया गया वार जनवरी की दिन अपनी बाल
तक प्रियतेरि दिल्ली गयी तभी उसका लियामाला पास न बाल
साधक मत्रात्मक मृत्यु करने के बाद वार के
बाहर जापा
वह जनवरी के दीर्घ समयावधि तक उसकी दृष्टि आप
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में जनवरी दूसरे घर के लिए वार के लियामाला पास के
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गंगा के जलस्तर में कमी आमतौर पर गर्मी के मौसम में होती है लेकिन इस वर्ष सर्दी में ही गंगा घाटों से दूर होने लगी है।

भीमगढ़ा बांध और हरिद्वार से दिल्ली को पेयजल देने के लिए भारी मात्रा में गंगा के जल का दोहन भी काशी में गंगा के जलस्तर में कमी का प्रमुख

कारण है। साथ ही बारिश-बाढ़ में कमी और दिन दर्नी गत चौमुँगी बदली रेत के कारण काशी में गंगा घाटों से दूर होने लगी है। न्यू अस्सी घाट पर इस दूरी का एहसास सहज रूप से किया जा सकता है। यहाँ गंगा का जल किनारे से काफी दूर हो गया है। करीब तीन वर्ष पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने जिस स्थान से स्वच्छता अभियान की शुरुआत की थी, उस समय वहाँ से गंगा का जल मात्र तीन मीटर की दूरी पर था अब वहाँ से गंगा करीब 12 मीटर दूर जा चुकी है।

यही नहीं केदार घाट से मणिकर्णि का घाट के बीच गंगा के जल की जो स्थिति

गर्मी के मौसम में होती थी वह हालत इस साल सर्दी में दिखने लगी है। नदी विज्ञानी डा. यू.के. चौधरी ने के मुताबिक भीमगढ़ा से 10,600 क्यूबिक फुट गंगा जल प्रतिसेकेंड निकाल लिया जा रहा है। यहाँ से बचा हुआ गंगा जल आगे हरिद्वार से दिल्ली की ओर मोड़ दिया जा रहा है। दिल्ली को पीने का पानी उपलब्ध कराने के लिए प्रति सेकेंड 4000 क्यूबिक फुट गंगा जल निकाल लिया जा रहा है। बचा गंगा जल कैनलों के माध्यम से क्षिति भूमि की सिंचाई के लिए निकाल लिया जा रहा है।

ये कारण भी हैं

काशी में गंगा के जलस्तर में कमी का एक प्रमुख कारण कछुआ सेंचुरी के कारण रेत का उठाव न होना भी है। सामनेवाला से आदिकेशवघाट तक घोषित है कछुआ सेंचुरी। इसके बलते सात किमी की दूरी में बालू के खनन पर रोक लगी है। यहाँ ही गंगा में जल की कमी के कारण प्रदाह मट पड़ गया है ऊपर से दैत्याकार दोती जा रही रेत काषी जल अवशोषित कर रही है। एक साल पहले नमामि गगे एवं गंगा मंत्रालय की मंत्री रही उमा भारती ने कछुआ सेंचुरी हटाने का भरोसा दिया था पर अब तक नहीं हटा। विशेषज्ञों के मुताबिक टिहरी बांध से बिजली निर्माण के नाम पर गंगा का 60% जल रोक दिया गया है।

रेत और निटटी के बीच हल्काने

गंगा पार की रेत और हरियाली के बीच एक नई धारा बनने लगी है। बाढ़ में यह साफ-साफ दिखाई देती है। समनापर से गंगा की एक धारा कट कर रेत के पार हरियाली की ओर मुड़ जाती है जो गारायट के समाने पूनः गंगा की मूल धारा में मिलती है। समनापर से गारायट के बीच रेत का हिस्सा टापू में तब्दील हो जाता है।

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सड़क पुरिवहन, व राष्ट्रीय गाड़ियाँ और जल संसाधन मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने कहा है कि जल संरक्षण व भूमिगत भंडारण पर बल देकर पानी की समस्या से निपटा जा सकता है।

इससे किसानों को उपज बढ़ेगी जिससे उनकी आय में बढ़ि होगी और औद्योगिक उत्पादन बढ़ेगा। इस प्रयास से बोरेजारी दूर की जा सकती है। गडकरी

ने सातवें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय भूजल सम्मेलन का संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि सही मार्गों में जल संरक्षण व भूमिगत जल भंडारण की दिशा में ठीक प्रकार से काम नहीं हो सकता। केवल पुस्तकें या शोधपत्र प्रकाशित करने से काम नहीं चलेगा। सरकारी अनुसंधान संस्थानों को ऐसे कार्यों को आग बढ़ाना चाहिए जिससे सामाजिक लोगों संस्थानों का कोई मतलब नहीं है। जल प्रबंधन की दिशा में काम करने के लिए यह जरूरी है। हम ऐसी सीच से जल संरक्षण के मतलब से जल संरक्षण के वास्तविक कामकाज को देखेंगे। इस संदर्भ में केवल पुस्तकें या शोधपत्र प्रकाशित करना पर्याप्त नहीं होगा। नवोन्मेष के माध्यम से जल संरक्षण के आग बढ़ाना चाहिए जिससे सामाजिक लोगों सस्ते उपाय खोजने होंगे। अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए यह जरूरी है। हम ऐसी सीच से ऊपर उठना होगा जो मतभेद, बहस व जल प्रबंधन की दिशा में काम करने के लिए चर्चा तक सीमित रह जाती है।